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Another request. Please assist. I understand some of these questions don't apply to us. If you don't want to answer directly, I can...

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Subject: Fruitdale and Lane Plating

Thank you for the meeting last night. I have a few questions in regards to Fruitdale, about 3 miles north east (between Lane Plating and Joppa).

* We are deep in pre-planning for a March planting of a two acre urban garden. Many of the residents already plant food and plan to replant in spring. Most of the gardens have been harvested. Is this safe?

* While we weren't considering using the wells on the property, I have heard that some residents do and there is a well almost every two acres. We have two standing, open wells on our single acre. Are there any precautions we should take?

* I know you said city water is safe, but since we are close to the contaminated soil, should we avoid drinking water from hoses or outdoor pipes? What about tap water?

* I have also noticed a "gas leak" smell outside. Not always, but every few days. Neighbors have learned to ignore it. Atmos says it's not them but also has no explanation. We're just under 3 miles south of the wastewater plant and assumed that was it. If you got an answer for that, even if it's not related to Lane Plating, I'd greatly appreciate it.

* Final random question, completely unrelated: We have a terrifying amount of dead animals illegally dumped between Dowdy Ferry and Bonnie View. Within a mile of my home, I call 311 at few times a month. There is an activist who finds at least one a day from Teagarden to Bonnie View. Does this affect our health? It has certainly affected his as he has a horrible rash on his feet and legs to the point of not being able to walk until he took a month long break. I gave him information from last night in case that rash is from exposure to something in Trinity River or closer to us. He walks through all the water and mud every day to find these animals.

You may have answered some of these questions last night but I was late, so forgive the need to repeat. I will also be filling out the form for my husband and I who have been suffering skin rashes since we moved here that resembled a google search of chromium exposure. (Side note: please help us not google too much over the next few months...wow....that was not a good idea).

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